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In re Application of:
LENOSKI ET AL.

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Application No. 09/519,282

Examiner: MOORE, IAN N

Confirmation No. 9726

Filed: March 7, 2000

For: DISTRIBUTING FAULT INDICATIONS AND
MAINTAINING AND USING A DATA
STRUCTURE INDICATING FAULTS TO
ROUTE TRAFFIC IN A PACKET
SWITCHING SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office action dated September 8, 2003, and the references cited have been fully considered. In response, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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